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AETC commander talks challenges

By Tech. Sgt. George F. Jozens
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Gen. Hal Hornburg and his wife Cynthia visited Luke July 12 and 13, within three weeks of taking command of AETC at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.

Luke was the second stop for the general and his wife after visiting Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas. During his visit here, Hornburg discussed challenges facing the command and the Air Force.

"I think our challenge in AETC is the same as the challenge in the rest of the Air Force and that is to get our retention and recruiting in balance," Hornburg said. By getting retention and recruiting in balance it provides the Air Force with a stable force. This reduces all the personnel turmoil which goes on to manifest itself, or can compound with the optempo problems the Air Force is having.

Asked if the Air Force has turned the corner on recruiting and retention, Hornburg said, "No, we haven't turned the corner, but we are making progress. The lines have a reversed slope, but the slope isn't as steep as it once was. We're making progress, but we're a few steps away from what I would consider turning the corner."

To turn the corner, Hornburg said everyone needs to do his or her part in helping retention and recruiting.

"While we have a concept in the Air Force called 'WEAR', we are all recruiters, that may or may not be true," Hornburg said. "We can all definitely be retainers though, by working harder through mentoring, leadership, coaching and teamwork to help each other and keep each other in the Air Force.

"My No. 1 focus right now — while we synchronize and streamline recruiting — is to work real hard on retention," Hornburg said. "I'd much rather retain an airman with 10 years of experience than I would to lose him and recruit and train a new one."

Hornburg held a series of group discussions with instructor pilots, junior NCOs and junior airmen during his visit.

The AETC commander also has some advice for pilots who might be considering leaving the Air Force.

"I'd tell them, if it's only money, the Air Force will never be able to compete," he said. "But if it's more than money — if it's the intrinsic worth of knowing that you are serving your country and doing it in first-rate airframes, and doing things to serve the greater good — then the Air Force is still the life that they ought to consider."

Hornburg also addressed the importance of the F-16 and Luke's mission.

"The F-16 is going to be important for many years to come," he said. "It will be with us well into the Joint Strike Fighter purchase. Like many acquisitions, the JSF acquisition process will take many years to complete. We will still need F-16s through this process. If the JSF acquisition slips, for one reason or another, the F-16 will be even more important."

As a former Air Combat Command vice commander, Hornburg emphasized to military and civilian employees at Luke that producing pilots and crew chiefs for the F-16 is Luke's mission.

"When you consider the students don't know anything about the F-16 when they arrive, the fact that our instructor pilots are able to take someone who doesn't know much more than the front end from the back, and make them competent aviators in this awesome, complex piece of equipment, causes me to sit back and take my hat off to them.

"Luke's job is to replenish the combat capability of the Air Force with the world's greatest F-16 pilots and you are totally hitting the mark," Hornburg said. "I have gone through five checkout programs at Luke and every one of them has been better than the one before. The F-16 is one of the most magnificent, yet complicated, airplanes that we have ever flown in fighters and the young men and women who are flying it are doing a marvelous job."

Mrs. Hornburg visited several base facilities and saw many of Team Luke's organizations.

She learned about the work of the 56th Component



Tech. Sgt. Michael Burns
Senior Airman Brian Brodhead, 56th Component Repair Squadron, shows Gen. Hal Hornburg, AETC commander, how to borescope an F-16 jet engine.

Repair Squadron's propulsion flight, the 56th Medical Group Health and Wellness Center and the 56th Family Support Center.

She also toured the library, child development center, commissary and base exchange. She met with spouses and discussed base introduction programs, base sponsorship and support facilities at Luke before departing.

AF selects E-5s

Team Luke had nearly 400 senior airman selected for promotion Wednesday to staff sergeant.

At Luke, 399 senior airmen out of 911 were selected for an overall 43.8 percent selection rate.

The Air Force selection rate is 50.72 percent and AETC's rate is 50.11 percent.

Vacancies within each grade drive promotions, Air Force Personnel Center officials said. As long as vacancies exist, the Air Force will continue promoting its best qualified to the next higher rank.

People should receive their score notices in late July. The score notices show airmen how their promotion fitness examination and skills knowledge test scores rank against those within their Air Force specialty code.

The average selectee score was 266.48 points based on the following: 130.12 points for enlisted performance reports; 49.48, PFE; 54.39, SKT; 22.08, time in grade; 13.13, time in service and 1.21 for decorations. The average selectee has 2.63 years time in grade and 4.51 years in service. Those selected will be promoted to staff sergeant from September to August 2001.

For a complete list of Team Luke's selectees, see Page 10. (Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

56th FW Thunderbolts fly weekends

By Kristen M. Butler
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

All 56th Fighter Wing military members are working Saturday in order to meet the wing's fiscal year 2000 sortie and flying hour obligations.

In addition, squadron commanders will determine which civilian employees are required to accomplish the flying mission Saturday.

"We should think of this as a wing work day, not as a flying day," said Col. Ed Kasl, 56th Fighter Wing vice commander. "Whether you're flying or not, everyone's an integral part of the wing's mission to train the world's finest fighter pilots."

To ease active-duty parents' peace of mind, the youth and child development centers are open normal operating hours Saturday from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Full-time CDC and youth center school age program participants pay a pro-rated charge based on normal fees; all others pay \$3 per hour of care, said Maj. Anne Fitch, 56th Services Squadron commander.

Additionally, the Falcon Flight Kitchen is open from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and again from 4 to 8 p.m. The fitness center opens early at 6 a.m. and closes at its usual time of 7 p.m. All other facilities are open normal weekend hours.

Each year Congress gives the Air Force money to fly a certain number of hours. This year, Luke was programmed to fly nearly 43,000 hours. In the past, Luke was able to turn back unused hours at the end of the fiscal year, but this year, the wing is required to fly all its programmed hours, said Lt. Col. Chas Buchanan, 56th

Operations Support Squadron current operations flight commander.

Each month, Luke sorties average about 3,600 flying hours. About 87 percent are for programmed flight training of student pilots while the remaining hours are used for continuation training of Luke instructor pilots. This includes exercises, cross-country flights and dissimilar air combat training at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla. Hours are also used during "cost-of-business" flying such as incentive rides, orientation flights and check rides, Buchanan said.

"From what we understand, the Air Force is only flying approximately 85 percent of its flying hour program," Buchanan said. "We have not been able to fly those hours Congress has given us money to fly, therefore, we are not living up to our end of the contract. If we don't fulfill this contract, Congress may take back money from the Air Force in future budgets."

The bottom line is Luke must make up approximately 1,100 flying hours by the end of September. To accomplish this goal, wing leadership came up with a plan.

"The wing looked at several options and came up with a safe, feasible and attainable plan to zero out the flying hour program by

the end of September," Buchanan said.

To meet this goal, the wing flies Saturday as well as Aug. 5 and 19. A back-up date is scheduled for Sept. 9 in case of bad weather or other related delays. By flying these dates, the wing should be able to accomplish about 540 of the 1,100 hours needed to meet their goal.

The other 560 hours must be made up during normal weekday operations by six of the eight flying squadrons. The 21st and 425th Fighter Squadrons are not players in this equation since they train foreign pilots and their flying hours are determined separate from the wing. The squadrons will make up the hours by maximizing their average sortie duration, Buchanan said.

Luke originally fell behind their programmed flying goal for the following reasons: lack of spare parts, more than a dozen jets with engines in repair, crew chief shortages and weather cancellations. Luke jets are also older and require more maintenance and parts than other F-16s in the fleet.

"Right now the challenges are many — monsoon season, maintenance problems, summer heat — but the way we see it, if we work as a team, we're going to make it," said Master Sgt. Cathy Rogers, 56th OSS current operations superintendent.

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Col. Ed Kasl
56th Fighter Wing vice commander

Action Line



Col. Steve Sargeant
56th FW commander

The 56th Fighter Wing Commander's Action Line is your direct line to me. I get personally involved in every reply. Your ideas and concerns help build a stronger foundation on which we can successfully complete our mission and take care of our people.

Before you call the Action Line though, give Luke's professionals a chance to answer your question in

concert with your unit chain of command. If the appropriate expert is unable to provide a satisfactory response, call me at 856-7011 or send an e-mail to command.actionline@luke.af.mil. Please include your name and telephone number so I can provide a personal reply to your concern. Together we can make Luke a better place to live and work.

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Fraud, waste and abuse hotline	856-6149
Base exchange	935-4652
Commissary	935-3821
Patient advocate	856-9100
Legal assistance	856-6901
Law enforcement desk	856-5970
Housing office	856-7643
Military pay	856-7028
MPF customer service	856-7874
Civil engineer customer service	856-7231

Handicapped parking complaint

Comment: I'm a retired Air Force wife and while at the wellness center one morning a load of chairs was being delivered for a conference. The active-duty gentleman used the handicapped parking space so they could unload them right onto the ramp. Unfortunately, that's a wheelchair ramp, and though we aren't in wheelchairs, there are a number of people who use those parking spaces. They managed to block access to both handicapped parking spaces. I think active-duty people need to be reminded there are people on base who are in wheelchairs and do need to use those spaces. Thank you.

Comment: Thank you for bringing this to our attention. You are absolutely correct. That parking space is reserved for handicapped people and is not be used as a loading zone. I expect all Luke people to maintain constant awareness and stop these types of obvious violations when they occur.



e-mail:
command.actionline@luke.af.mil
or call,
856-7011

Sortie Scoreboard

Fiscal year 2000 programmed flight training

	To date	Goal
Sorties flown	29,547	37,902
Flying hours	39,316	49,803
Pilot graduates	649	876
MRT graduates	599	972

Luke people deployed:
AEF 5: **2** and AEF 7/8: **91**
Others: **1**

Become an 'owner' in our AF

By Lt. Col. William Gonzalez

56th Training Squadron commander

The other day I was reminded I needed to write an article for the "Tallyho." My initial thought was to run for the hills! I'm sure you remember having to write, "What I did on my Summer Vacation" during the first week of school. Well, it's not the end of summer and the last year as a squadron commander wasn't a vacation, but I thought I'd try to pass on something I've learned about leadership since taking the 56th Training Squadron guidon from the operations group commander one year ago.

Have you ever taken a moment and thought about what it takes for a crew chief to clean and polish their F-16 with a rag and a spray can of cleaner? Have you ever read through an inspection report and wondered what it takes for individuals to be highlighted as "best in command" or "best seen to date" for a program they developed?

What makes these folks unique is they are "owners!" They have that entrepreneurial spirit small business owners have when venturing into the unknown. The Air Force is not a job to them; it is their profession — a way of life.

On the flightline you see it in the way crew chiefs care for their aircraft. Even with rules that sometimes stifle ingenuity, their jet is a top "code one" flyer. They spend countless hours cleaning the jet after all maintenance is complete, even when it is 120 degrees on the ramp. They tell the pilot how well the jet drops bombs or strafes because it is their jet.

In the support areas, when you walk into their work center, they greet you like you walked into their home. You see pictures of their families, plaques from places they have served and awards they have earned. You

see a painted office, uncluttered environment; in other words, you see their pride.

From supervisors you see this spirit in how they take care of their people. These leaders ensure their folks are well-trained and proficient at what they do. They take time to laugh, recognize work done well, create a "want-to-be-there" environment, praise in public and correct in private.

These "owners" seek solutions and follow through when problems arise. They lead the way in creating better programs for tracking leave, writing officer and enlisted promotion reports, teaching air-to-air skills and countless other programs.

Now that I've described what an "owner" is and how to recognize one, there remain several challenges.

As leaders and supervisors, our challenge is to inspire our folks to become "owners." We have to mentor, teach and demonstrate every chance we get.

As a commander, it is easy to feel ownership. They handed me the guidon and said take care of the squadron. That is not the case with every-

one. There are no easy solutions, just a lot of hard work and perseverance.

As working members of the Air Force our challenge is to become an "owner." This is a characteristic that will not only make our Air Force better, but also help us be successful at whatever we do.

Every day is an opportunity to look around and make things better. We are surrounded by "owners" and can learn from them. As an Air Force, we've created, with good intent, several "programs" to improve the force. Everyone, in one form or another, tries to inspire us to take "ownership" in the Air Force and make it better.

With that said, I'm glad we have so many "owners" in the Air Force and I am proud to say they inspire me every day to become an "owner" in our Air Force.

"As leaders and supervisors our challenge is to inspire our folks to become 'owners.' We have to mentor, teach and demonstrate every chance we get."

Lt. Col. William Gonzalez

56th Training Squadron commander

Privileged communications

Troops have right to confidentiality

Chaplain (Maj.) Eric D. Fenton

56th Fighter Wing

We all have problems. Most of the time we struggle through and do the best we can. Sometimes problems can become overwhelming and we realize we need help.

For some people this can be as easy as reaching out to a friend or family member and asking for help. Some problems, however, need more than the reassurance or help of a friend. Shame or fear sometimes keep us from seeking help.

Those who struggle with addiction often try to pretend it really isn't a problem. "After all, I haven't missed any work." "I can stop any time."

One of the keys to the success of 12-step programs like Alcoholics Anonymous is the principle of anonymity. This allows those who are struggling to check out the group, learn more and build a level of trust. There is a sense of safety in anonymity that creates a willingness to be vulnerable and admit a need for help.

"Privileged communication is your right as an Air Force member. You can use it to make a difference in your life when you need help with a problem."

Chaplain (Maj.) Eric D. Fenton
56th Fighter Wing

Privileged communications is the official Air Force version of anonymity. It comes from the tradition of confession to a priest. Whatever is confessed is between that person and God. The priest or clergy has a responsibility to counsel, assign acts of penance, offer words of pardon and give encouragement. However, what is said cannot be revealed.

Chaplains are priests and clergy representing their churches

and faith groups. Their denominational rules and ordination set the standard for their work with Air Force people. In addition, the Air Force chief of chaplains provides directives on a number of issues including privileged communication, which chaplains must follow.

The Air Force chief of chaplains has clarified privileged communications with chaplains in a memo which can be accessed on the Internet at www.usafhc.af.mil.

The memo states, "The privilege of absolute confidentiality in communications with chaplains belongs to the client, not to the chaplain. There are no circumstances where a chaplain can disclose information revealed in the practice of his or her ministry without the client's informed permission. Similarly, Air Force authorities will never require a chaplain to disclose privileged information for any reason whatsoever."

Privileged communication is your right as an Air Force member. You can use it to make a difference in your life when you need help with a problem.

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Tech. Sgt. Michael Burns

Bethany and Jacqlyn Hueg and Allison Dendulk read books in the base library's children's reading room. The library was recently chosen best in the Air Force.

Best in Air Force

Luke library garners top award

By 2nd Lt. Jeffrey Carney

56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Luke's library won a 2000 Air Force Services Award as the best in the Air Force, officials recently announced.

"This award shows the high level of service that this library performs for the community," said Maj. Anne Fitch, 56th Services Squadron commander. "Not enough can be said about the way this library and staff supports the base and community."

About five years ago, the library moved into its current location. The move increased the overall area for the staff to function.

"We've had a continuous stream of new programs and software and an expansion of our book collection (since moving into the new facility)," said Katherine Gillen, 56th SVS library director. "We've also increased

our connection with the base. This award is the result of the cumulative effect of those five years."

The library was graded on four key areas: leadership, management, customer focus and satisfaction, and operational results.

"We are not perfect, but I hope our positive aspects help to set a tone of success," Gillen said. "We have an outstanding self-driven staff that works extremely hard every day. We don't have any weak links."

Beyond a strong staff, the library also supports several successful programs.

The library places a large emphasis on children's programs. One program uses guest storytellers for

a weekly story time. Active base units include the fire department, security forces, dental clinic and the Red Cross.

Another area of emphasis is professional military education. The library conducted more than 25 tours and briefings for the First Term Airman Center, airman leadership school and enlisted leadership seminar classes. One tool the library provides for general educational application is ProQuest Direct, an online subscription service that allows 24-hour access to more than 2,000 periodicals.

"I hope this award gives us an opportunity for continuous growth with our education and quality-of-life programs and possibly actual growth to our building," Gillen said. "On a daily basis, we strive to do our best. In the future, we hope for the expansion of base support."

Gillen said operating a library involves sophisticated technology.

"There are vast amounts of computer programs, customer issues and vendor business arrangements and the physical entry of materials into our system that makes it far more complex than most people realize," Gillen said.

In addition to providing professional and educational services, the library also boosts morale.

"I think the library performs a critical function for the base," Fitch said. "They provide children's books, family-oriented services, Internet access and educational support. With all the services they perform, the outcome can only be good for morale. We're extremely proud of them and this wonderful accomplishment."

"This award shows the high level of service that this library performs for the community."

Maj. Anne Fitch

56th Services Squadron commander

Thunderbolt Pilot of the Week

Name: Maj. Pete "Shiner" Johnson, 61st Fighter Squadron assistant operations officer and instructor pilot

Hometown: Fox Island, Wash. — God's country, where it's green and there are trees

Years in service: 13

Family: Wife, Kelly and 3-year-old daughter, "Her Royal Highness," Alexys

Education: Mechanical engineering degree from Washington State University — Go Cougs!

Previous assignments: Royal Air Force Alconbury, United Kingdom; Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas; and Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho

Goals: To be the best father, husband, U.S. Air Force officer and fighter pilot I can be.

Greatest feat: Convincing the U.S. Air Force to allow me to fly F-16s and seriously, I would say the adoption of our daughter, Alexys.

Commander's comments: "Pete Johnson is an extraordinary IP. His attention to detail with every student and the extra time he devotes to them is second to none and makes him a favorite among the students," said Lt. Col. Mike Carter, 61st FS commander. "I can trust his judgment as an instructor, flight examiner and senior supervisor."



Johnson

News Briefs

Top 3 senior NCO induction

The Luke Top 3 hosts the first senior NCO induction ceremony July 28 at 6 p.m. at the enlisted club. The cost is \$13.50 and the uniform is mess dress or semiformal. For more information or reservations, call Master Sgt. David Leon at 856-9255 or Senior Master Sgt. James Crissinger at 856-4172.

Housing construction

Great Southwestern Construction Inc. contractors begin digging Aug. 1 in military family housing backyards to connect underground lines between the electrical transformers, phone and cable television pedestals and the houses. All overhead lines will eventually be removed. The project lasts about one year. For more information, call John DeMaria at 856-6622.

Women, boss of the year luncheon

The Women and Boss of the Year luncheon is Aug. 17 from 11 a.m. to noon at the enlisted club ballroom. The Federal Womens Program Committee-sponsored event features Lt. Col. Margaret Matarese, 56th Medical Operations Squadron commander, as guest speaker. Tickets are \$6.50 and must be purchased by Aug. 11 from any FWP representative. For more information, call Sharon Brown at 856-4040.

ACSC date change

The enrollment date for Air Command and Staff College seminar and correspondence course has been moved back again due to database software problems. This means ACSC registrants will not receive course materials by the end of July as expected. Applications are kept on file until ACSC issues a new enrollment date. For more information, call Cathy Brogan at the education office at 856-7723.

Dental care deduction

When the new Dependent Dental Deduction mass rate change was processed July 1, it did not eliminate the old deduction rate. Military members' mid-July pay was short by half the old rate. The maximum difference is \$10.66. Repayment will be in the Aug. 1 leave and earnings statements.

Use or lose leave

Accrued leave in excess of 60 days is forfeited at the end of each fiscal year unless special leave accrual under Air Force Instruction 36-3003 applies. Therefore, commanders and supervisors should encourage all members to use excess leave before Sept. 30. For more information, call Damita Klaiber at the 56th Mission Support Squadron customer service flight at 856-7834.

Hispanic program manager needed

Civilian employees or military members must apply for the Hispanic employment program manager position by July 28. This work is a 20-percent collateral duty. The manager's role is to pursue efforts to facilitate the recruitment and advancement of Hispanic workers in federal service. For more information, call Joanne Elrod at 856-7761.

CCAF graduation applications

Students wanting to apply for Community College of the Air Force graduation should schedule a review with an education counselor to ensure all requirements have been met. Official transcripts from all schools attended are required and must be received by Aug. 14. For more information, call Catherine Humphrey or Jackie Smith at 856-7722.

Civilian personnel website

Information on how to apply for federal employment and links to various sites of interest to employees and supervisors, such as the Air Force Personnel Center, Office of personnel Management and the Thrift Savings Plan, is available at www.luke.af.mil/56mss/HTML/CivPers/menu.HTM.

Justice Report

The following judicial action occurred at Luke between July 10 and 14 :

•An airman first class received an Article 15 for drunk and disorderly conduct. He also received a suspended reduction to airman, forfeiture of \$200 pay for two months and 45 days extra duty.

Don't forget ...



Tech. Sgt. Michael Burns
Bob Portillo and Larry Blanton stock shelves at the Luke commissary. The store is closed Monday and Tuesday to reset. When it reopens Wednesday at 9 a.m. it will be a superstore with several new customer service conveniences.

AAFES, 56th SVS join for promo

By Senior Airman Jennifer Dixon

56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The second annual Army and Air Force Exchange Services and 56th Services Squadron Partnership promotion is under way.

Once again, AAFES and 56th SVS are offering buy-one, get-one free coupons for the Falcon Dunes Golf Course and the Luke Lanes Bowling Center through Aug. 6.

"Luke shoppers will benefit by receiving the two-for-one certificates simply by shopping at AAFES," said John Beckett, 56th SVS business operations flight chief.

Anyone who spends more than \$75 at an AAFES store receives a coupon, said Beatrice Strickland, AAFES sales and merchandise manager. Customers can then use the coupons at the golf course for one free greens fee when purchasing another or at the bowling center for a free Xtreme bowling game with purchase of one.

"Shoppers can take advantage of the best deals in town by shopping at AAFES and they'll receive a reward to boot," Beckett said.

The purpose of the promotion is to stress the importance of shopping at AAFES as a means of improving the base community. The combined strengths of AAFES and 56th SVS provide rewards to those who support their community by shopping at AAFES, Beckett said.

56th SVS also wants to gain additional traffic to their activities and introduce eligible customers to the golf course and the new Xtreme bowling program.

Last year, more than 700 bowling certificates and 500 free rounds of golf were given out.

"This year, we are conducting the promotion for a longer

period of time and hope to give out a total of 2,000 certificates," Beckett said.

"Money spent at the Luke Exchange will equate to more dividends for the services squadron, which translates into more dollars for our community's quality-of-life programs," Beckett said.

The AAFES and 56th SVS partnership is designed to make the quality of life on Luke better for everyone, Strickland said.

"We began this promotion because we felt our customers were not aware of how AAFES and 56th SVS interact to make the community better for all," Beckett said.

AAFES contributed more than \$530,000 to Luke last year in dividends from AAFES profits, Strickland said.

"These contributions to Luke services (squadron) allow us to keep our prices low to the entire base community and fund a number of programs used by eligible personnel," Beckett said.

These contributions include the Fourth of July celebration, Springfest, a variety of youth programs and facilities upkeep.

"Since many of our activities do not receive any, or insufficient, taxpayer support, AAFES dividends are crucial to effective 56th SVS programs," Beckett said.

"AAFES is also a major contributor to the services (squadron) construction programs," Beckett said. "Without AAFES dividends, it is unlikely Luke would have Falcon Dunes Golf Course or the new youth center. No taxpayer funds were used to construct these facilities and AAFES dividends were the prime funding source. For these reasons, support of AAFES by eligible people is so important to the overall Luke community."

56th CES utilities flight fixes housing water main break

By Staff Sgt. B. Coors-Davidson

362nd Recruiting Squadron

Many Luke family housing residents were without water July 14 when service was interrupted due to a water main break.

The 56th Civil Engineer Squadron utilities flight was notified about 4:30 p.m. that water was coming up from the ground near Kachina and Mojave streets and shut off the water supply to about 50 homes to isolate the break.

"We were able to isolate the exact location of the problem where a 6-inch water main had ruptured," said Tech. Sgt. Alex Simental, 56th CES utilities NCO in charge. "Service was restored to about 60 percent of the effected homes within an hour and the remainder was restored by 8:30 p.m."

Repair efforts were hampered when mud buried a valve. The team also had to wait for entomologists after a bee's nest was found at the site.

The utilities team eventually bypassed the break and restored service for the weekend. They returned Monday and temporarily shut off service while a permanent repair was made.

"Isolating the cause of a problem and bringing in the necessary agencies to make a repair sometimes takes time," Simental said. "Once we do that, the repair happens pretty quickly."

The flight is on call 24 hours a day and has 13 people to maintain and repair Luke's utilities systems including water, sewer, fire suppression and natural gas.

"Whenever we have maintenance or repairs that interrupt services, we notify the service call desk, who notifies the fire department, security forces and, if the interruption is in the housing area, the housing maintenance office," said Maj. Phillip Triplitt, 56th CES operations flight commander. "Our goal is to restore services as quickly as possible and



Airman 1st Class Delvin Barnes

56th Civil Engineer Squadron utilities flight members work Monday morning to permanently repair a water main break in base housing that occurred July 14.

also keep the base informed of interruptions in service."

Family housing residents who have a utility problem should call the housing maintenance office at 935-2676 or 6607. Anyone on base who

notices water or sewage coming from the ground or smells natural gas, whether on base or in housing, should call the service call desk at 856-7083 or the fire department at 856-6641.

Wing Warrior

This column recognizes Team Luke members' contributions to wartime readiness in the tradition of 2nd Lt. Frank Luke.

Name: Senior Airman Stephanie Hurley, 56th Range Management Office range scheduler

Hometown: Laeger, W.V.

Years service: Three years, 10 months

Family: Mom and dad, Sonja and Steve; sister, nephew and brother-in-law, Tara, Gabe and Roho; brothers, Justin, Gregory and Landon; and cats, Harriet and Cindy

Inspirations: Tina Turner — watching her biography many times gave me hope at a difficult time in my life.

Greatest feat: Making the decision, without much family support, to join the military instead of growing old in a very small town with limited opportunities

Self-description: Shy at first impression, but once I know and care for someone, I'll always be there.

Famous last words: "It's not the words, but what the expression is saying!"

Off duty: Bowling, golfing, shopping and spoiling my new nephew.

Commander's comments: "Stephanie is mission-focused and gets the job done right the first time in the busiest range scheduling office in the Air Force," said Col. James Uken, 56th RMO director. "She is always positive, professional and strives to meet all airspace and range needs. Her contributions resulted in the scheduling shop's recognition as the finest in the Air Force last year."



Hurley

Luke's Spirit

Col. Steve Sargeant, 56th Fighter Wing commander, uses this column to recognize Team Luke members' outstanding customer service.

Name: 2nd Lt. Pam Thomas, 56th Logistics Group executive officer

Hometown: Grand Forks, N.D.

Years service: 9

Family: Husband, Jean; and daughter Kori, 2

Inspirations: Retired Col. Russell Bolt, retired Chief Master Sgt. Linda Brown and retired Senior Master Sgt. Harvey McCullum because I would not be where I am today without their support and guidance.

Goals: Complete my master's degree and go the distance

Greatest feat: Graduating from college while raising a newborn and attending Officer Training School

Famous last words: Always give 110 percent and don't burn a bridge before you get to it, because you never know what could happen

Off duty: Teaching aerobics, reading, working out and spending time with my family

Commander's comments: "Pam did an outstanding job escorting Mrs. (Cynthia) Hornburg during her visit to Luke," Sargeant said. "Her professionalism was key to our success in making a good first impression on our new AETC commander and his wife."



Thomas

56th Dental Squadron



Blackham

Col. Benjamin Blackham took command of 56th DS July 11 .

Hometown: Salt Lake City, Utah
Years in service: 32
Family: Married 31 years to Sally and our six children: Jennifer, Heidi, Jamie, Megan, Michael and Mara
Education: Bachelor's degree in zoology from the University of Utah; Marine Officers Candidate School, Quantico, Va.; dental school at the University of Washington; and Air Command and Staff College by correspondence
Previous assignments: Cherry Point Marine Air Station, N.C. as an RF-4 pilot; Aviano Air Base, Italy; Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho; Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.; Wurtsmith Air Force Base, Michigan; Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea; Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany; and Royal Air Force Lakenheath, United Kingdom
Leadership philosophy: Teach proper principles; let people do the job.
Inspirations: Between stimulus and responses there is space. In that space is our power to choose our response. In our response lies our growth and freedom.
Goals: “Make bad mouths good and good mouths better,” and achieve a fit-to-fight force!
Greatest feat: Married to my wife for 31 years and raising six children
Self description: People-oriented, focused on possibilities, think in terms of values and easily come to decisions.
Famous last words: This is the true joy in life ... being used for a purpose recognized by yourself as a mighty one.
Off duty: Family, photography and church work

C-130 mishap pilot faces negligent homicide charges

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. (AFPN) — An officer assigned to the 463rd Airlift Group at Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark., has been charged with dereliction of duty and negligent homicide for his role in the C-130E aircraft accident Dec. 10, at Ahmed Al Jaber Air Base, Kuwait, that killed three airmen and injured seven.

Brig. Gen. Richard Casey, 43rd Airlift Wing commander, Pope Air Force Base, N.C., preferred charges Monday against Capt. Darron Haughn based on his review of the accident investigation board results.

Haughn, the aircraft commander, was charged with violating Article 92, dereliction of duty, and Article 134, negligent homicide, of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Casey was appointed by Maj. Gen. John Hopper, 21st Air Force commander, to review the incident for possible disciplinary action after the accident investigation board concluded the cause of the mishap was crew complacency and failure to follow governing directives.

The charges Casey preferred will be delivered to the special courts-martial convening authority who will make an initial determination on the disposition of the case. This may range from no action to appointment of an investigation officer under Article 32 of the UCMJ, which could result in referring charges to a general court-martial.

The charges are merely accusations at this point. Under the UCMJ, Haughn is presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

Luke ejection seat experts inspect critical part

By Tech. Sgt. Julie Briggs
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Luke's maintenance technicians inspected a critical part of the F-16's ejection seat system after an Air Force-wide order was issued Saturday to insure proper installation. About 30 people from the 56th Component Repair Squadron's egress section inspected the M53 initiator boosters immediately after receiving the order. The initiator is about 1 inch in diameter and 4 inches long. It is one part of a critical sequence used to eject safely from the F-16, said Master Sgt. Roy Henslee, 56th CRS egress superintendent.

"Our priority was to insure the F-16s scheduled to fly training sorties Monday were inspected first," Henslee said. "Monday's jets were a priority because we didn't want to lose critical sortie hours." About 145 jets, 94 slated to fly Monday, were inspected by Saturday night. The rest were inspected Monday. Luke has about 200 aircraft; 13 are at depot maintenance at the Air Logistics Center, Hill Air Force Base, Utah, and two others are undergoing paint repairs here. Before those jets fly, they will also be inspected. In a typical ejection sequence, once the D-ring is pulled, ballistic gas is sent through

a line to the initiator, which then boosts gas pressure to the proper level. Once it passes through the initiator, gas pressure is then sent through a sequence valve to jettison the canopy first, and then the seat. The F-16C has two initiators while the F-16D has 10, Henslee said. "In the F-16C, the sequence valve takes two gas pressures to operate," Henslee said. "One gas pressure is used to reposition the (sequence valve) and allows the gas to flow through it. "It's like when you go through a door. You first have to open the door before you can go through it," Henslee explained. During the inspection, Luke egress

technicians found seven initiators on five aircraft were improperly installed. They were off by 180 degrees. To inspect and correct the initiators was a team effort, Henslee said. Egress inspected and repaired Luke jets in 86 maintenance hours. The TCTO stated it should take 194 hours for inspections alone. "The entire egress section, along with help from each jet's crew chiefs, flying squadron production supervisors and aerospace ground equipment people worked together to ensure Luke's F-16s were inspected in a timely manner," Henslee said. No flights were canceled as a result of the inspection.

LFE trains student pilots to fly, fight, win

By 1st Lt. Miki Kristina Krejcarek
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The 63rd Fighter Squadron went to “war” July 10 during a large force employment exercise at the Barry M. Goldwater Range.

Flying in packages of 12 to 14 F-16s vs. their normal fourship routine, 63rd FS students and instructor pilots participated in an eight-day exercise.

In the scenario, the enemy from the country of “Pronghorn” broke the “Goldwater” United Nations sanctions and invaded southern Arizona.

The simulated war — Operation Panther Prowl — is a culmination of basic fighter maneuvers, air-to-air and air-to-ground training the students learned in the past six months, said Maj. Mark Christofferson, 63rd FS assistant director of operations.

“This is their graduation exercise in which they take everything they learned up to this point ... and incorporate it into the scenario,” Christofferson said.

As with any mission, however, comes planning. The exercise involved a full day of planning due to its increased coordination with 14 aircraft and outside support with fighters, tankers and airborne warning and control system aircraft, said Maj. John Wynne, 63rd FS assistant operations officer.

This large force employment was unique in that students planned most of it.

“A lot of times mission planners just hand them (the students) a packet and off they go,” Christofferson said. “We want to make sure they don’t just walk in with their hands on a packet, but they are also part of the mission planning.”

The LFE exercise exposed students to mission planning challenges.

“It’s basically giving the basic course students an introduction to what they would see when they go to their operational unit and get deployed as part of an air expeditionary force,” Wynne said. “It’s similar to wartime; this is how we are going to employ. It is

going to be large packages that are multinational and multiservice.”

Pointing to and tracing their fingers across large maps spread atop several tables in the squadron’s planning room, students discussed strategies and tactics.

“We had to determine ingress (flying from good-to-bad-guy territory) and egress (escaping bad-guy territory) and come up with targets without getting shot down,” said 1st Lt. Randy Murff, 63rd FS student pilot.

Students determined how to best employ their resources by locking on to targets ranging from simulated command and control communications buildings, surface-to-air missile sights, radar vans and missile launches gathered from intelligence reports. They then learned to egress out of enemy territory without meeting adversaries.

Adversary support included eight U.S. Marine Corps F-5 Tigers from Yuma, Ariz., on the first day of the exercise and the squadron’s own jets.

“The big picture is that it is important to have a good overall plan, since the plan drives the mission,” Murff said.

Not only was the exercise challenging for students, but it also provided training for the instructor pilots.

“It’s definitely more of a challenge to not be conducting the same routine training, but now we have a little more free-flowing activity,” Wynne said. “It’s tough on us, but we get exposure we normally would not get in



Senior Airman Elizabeth Krichbaum marshals a 63rd Fighter Squadron F-16 for the large force employment exercise.

some of the twoship vs. twoship scenarios.”

63rd FS maintenance people also played a role in the exercise by providing aircraft on target and on time.

“Our goal is to provide the pilots mission-capable aircraft and quality maintenance,” said Chief Master Sgt. Ted Paget, 63rd FS maintenance supervisor.

The exercise, which ended Wednesday, is representative of what is expected of fighter pilots in a real-world situation.

“Some students could be this close to combat two to three months after graduating from Luke,” Christofferson said. “We try to prepare them for the way things will be when faced with a real-world operation.”

AF receives, distributes Korean War medals

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — The Air Force will receive and distribute the recently approved Korean War Service Medal offered to U.S. service members more than 50 years ago, but never issued. The medal was originally offered to United Nations forces serving in Korea and adjacent waters by the Republic of Korea in 1951. At the time, U.S. law prohibited the military from wearing medals issued by foreign governments; however, Congress changed that in 1954. By then, most U.S. service members eligible for the medal had returned home. In a letter sent to Defense Secretary

William Cohen May 13, Republic of Korea Defense Minister Seong Tae Cho announced his government would provide the Republic of Korea War Service Medal to eligible U.S. veterans of that conflict, or to their surviving next of kin. Approximately 1.8 million Korean War veterans are eligible to receive the medal. Next of kin to eligible deceased veterans can also apply. To wear this medal, U.S. military members must have served between the outbreak of hostilities, June 25, 1950, and the date the armistice was signed, July 27, 1953; been on permanent assignment or

on temporary duty for 30 consecutive days or 60 non-consecutive days; and performed their duty within the territorial limits of Korea, in the waters immediately adjacent to or in aerial flight over Korea participating in actual or in support of combat operations. To apply, veterans must provide a copy of their discharge paper, DD Form-214, or a corrected version of that document, a DD Form-215. National Guard members must provide their statement of service equivalent, NGB Form 22. Additional information on how to apply for, or request the medal, can be found by

contacting the Air Force Personnel Center, weekdays, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (CST) at (800) 558-1404; the awards and decorations section at (210) 565-2432, 2520 or 2516; fax (210) 565-3118, or by writing to HQ AFPC/DPPPPRA, 550 C Street West, Suite 12, Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4714. Information on Korean War commemorations can be found by contacting the Defense Department 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee, 1213 Jefferson Davis Highway, Crystal Gateway 4, Arlington, VA 22202, (703)604-0831, or <http://korea50.army.mil>.

Promotion List

21st Fighter Squadron

David Alexander, David Bakk, Bobbi Belange, Shawn Bowman, Melissa Caffrey, Todd Cantrall, John Casey, James Castillo, Joshua Fox, Terrance Gwathney, Fredrick Little, Jeffrey Mitzelfelt, Sean Postel, Gloria Pugh, Joshua Schulze, Victoria Valentin, Michael White, Michael Williams and Timothy Yock

56th Aerospace Medicine Squadron

Theresa Bellflower, Ambrosio Collado, Tarik Halliburton, Theresa Shannon, Cristina Simmers and Elizabeth White

56th Civil Engineer Squadron

Brent Batten, Angelita Bohn, Brian Downs, David Drayovitch, Christopher Dyer, Trisha Flynn, Gary Hanson, Buck Henry, Brian Jolly, Brian King, Kevin Knight, Christiane Makela, Ricarda Maltby, Matthew Moen, Scott Newton, Greg Pelkola, David Randall, Robert Randall, Armando Robles, Lester Smith, Russel Szczepaniec, Trevor Szuch and Kevin Walker

56th Communications Squadron

Daniel Algarin, Christopher Applen, Barry Clemons, Kristi Jensen, Alvin Mills, Brian Ogram, Jason Plummer and Timothy Sullivan

56th Component Repair Squadron

Michael Abundis, William Bermudez, David Bond, John Brassard, Brian Brodhead, Tate Bunce, Christopher Carver, Robert Chalberg, Jeffrey Cherry, Scott Cooke, Carlos Crasta, Joshua Cruz, David Fickau, Tiffany Glover, Jeffrey Greene, George Heathcoe, Evan Heintz, Kyle Jennings, James Kinsey, Matthew Lauer, Thomas Lauwers, Matthew Light, John McKenzie, Adam Moreau, Robert Morrison, Russell Nero, Brian Nicolaisen, Michael Parshall, Brian Starcevich, Donnie Taylor, Roy Tompkins, Jamie Waldrum, Jennifer Walker, Michael Wardlow and Chadwick Wilson

56th Comptroller Squadron

Elizabeth Frey, Brook Gebreyesus, Mary Grkovic, Michael Monahan and Victoria Okroi

56th Contracting Squadron

Joseph Chapman

56th Dental Squadron

Karla Iglesias, Robert Wansley and Kimberly Washington

56th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

Fred Bezonia, William Bowen, Todd Broyles, Paul Couture, Robert Craig, Ricky Crowder, Justin Davidson, Andie Dertod, Dennis Eckenrode, Alec Eigenberger, Leonard Falcone, Thomas Flowers, Kevin Fulton, Anthony Garcia, James Gressick, Rene Grino, Jamie Harwick, Christopher Herman, Samuel Hoeft, Christopher Jackson, Michael Jovanovich, Marshall Kelley, Michael Kemper, Clifford Klaske, Gregory Landis, David Loera, Andrew Manning, Ian Mattair, Jeffrey May, Jose Merced, Michael Nelson, Mark O'Brien, Stephen Powers, Caleb Pulver, Paul Randolph, Michael Rhodes, Joelle Richardson, James Rippy, Richard Roberts, Michael Skinner, Brian Smith, Nicholas Stallone, Stephen Taylor, Aaron Tedford, Richard Thompson, Timothy Thompson, Ryan Thuyns, Christopher Tiller, Jeremy Ures and Michael Williamson

56th Fighter Wing

Ana Arellano, Michael Hammett, Danielle Harrington, James Hodge, Stephanie Hurley, Jill Propst, Heath Riddle, Chakeela Smith and Jeffery Vasquez

56th Logistics Support Squadron

Andrew Downey, Brian Nelson, Jonathan Sivek and Jessica Williams

56th Medical Operations Squadron

Janice Ancona, Brian Baker, Lorena Bluemer, Niccole Brown, Ami Bruce, April Drew, Deborah Edenhofer, Matthew Einspahr, Patricia Fulce, Nichole Helsley, Lisa Laws, Jessica Linton, Rita Ramos, Julia Sealy, Theresa Simonetti, Michelle Slusser, Dondra Tolerson, Valerie Vasquez, Joshua Vest and Jennifer Walker

56th Medical Support Squadron

Chadwick Below, Demetrius Booker, Robert Bowen, Denise Brown, Marini Fox, Todd Gallant, Nelson Harris, Kimberly Hartmann, Lissete Hernandez, Gordon Ignacio, Victoria Long, Christopher Loose, Yolanda Rogers, Myra Sellers, Clarence Tate, Sarah VanDyke, Susan Walker and Katrina Warnock

56th Mission Support Squadron

Donnie Brown and Jonathan Lincoln

56th Operations Group

Robert Brents, Nichalos George, Lucas Holub, Robert Petty, Gary Pursley, Ira Reade, Jamal Smith and David Sowder

56th Operations Support Squadron

Stacy Atkinson, Michael Cowhey, Charles Crosby, Scott Davis, Patrick Gray, Kari Grubbs, George Kirkwood, George Lawler, Jenny McAtee, Armand Moody, Tamara Ormond, Tracy Piko, Amy Rethman, Michael Schafer, Caroline Wood and Vivianne Yoshito

56th Security Forces Squadron

Matthew Clancy, Michael Cline, Charles Lambe, Amy Littlejohn, Antonio Martinez, Thomas Parrott and Erik Saracino

56th Services Squadron

Tracy Blee, Corey Butler, Jennifer Griffiths, Eric Lim, Paul Stone, Kyle Taylor and Brian Tucker

56th Supply Squadron

Towanda Chandel, Otis Clay, Dolores Cruz, Bryant Daniels, Wilfrid Fookes, Darlene Herbert, Brian Kirst, Michael Kuehler, Scott McIntosh, Shawn Moseley, Wendy Neuy, Christopher Pentecost, Michael Place, Luke Prisk, Kathryn Roe, Sara Rue, Timothy Ryder, Stephanie Sarica, Timothy Tesar, James Walter, James Wayman, Robert West and Alec Zolper

56th Support Group

Daniel Johnson

56th Transportation Squadron

Rosana Flores, Travis Funderburk, Nolan Hawkins, Justin Johnson, Steven Kobbe, Shane Lowe, Robert McBride, Richard Miller, Rudy Neklason, Cash Poland, Michael Turcotte, Thomas Walkup and David Woodhead

61st Fighter Squadron

John Adams, Tommy Behrman, Eric Booth, Joel Borden, Ryan Brown, Craig Burgard, Henry Davis, Sean Denny, Connie Draper, Gabriel Flagg, Kisham Forbes, Matthew MacDonald, Kevin McCombs, Vell Smith and Brian Stapley

62nd Fighter Squadron

Christopher Boscoe, Eddie Breaux,

Stephanie Brown, Jeffrey Cobb, John Colpoys, Kenneth Dillon, Justin Johnson, Tinita Jones, Robert King, Norman Palone, Edward Pesantes, Sean Roach, Joseph Rohde, John Smullen and Deke Stacy

63rd Fighter Squadron

Joseph Birosak, Lee Bognar, Stephen Brinson, Jeremy Curbey, Justin Dianish, Quintin Douglas, Richard Ellsworth, Paul Engram, Phillip Fountain, Marshall Fuller, Michael Giordano, Joshua Halverson, Aaron Harms, Christopher Huffman, Jared Johnson, Sheridan Kittle, Andrew Lavigne, Jennifer Lemieux, Jesse Marx, Michael Miller, Khristopher Mogren, Javier Sarinana, Robert Smith, Chad Thurgood, Jay Welty, George Wolf and Velma Wynn

308th Fighter Squadron

Ronald Acker, Latasha America, Alexander Brown, Anthony DeContreras, Dennis Germain, Brian Gorrell, Jason Hanneman, Shad Lavender, Matthew Makela, Kenneth Moore, Edward Ostling, Jose Rubio, Gary Serrano, Gary White and Michael White

309th Fighter Squadron

Larry Blunt, Paul Davis, George Frederick, William Gunderson, Jason Kruenegel, Charles Laws, Jeffrey Lee, Ester Mckenzie, William McLellan, Marco Musquiz, Steve Olivares, Dominic Ortega, Michael Ott, David Rogers, Carlos Salas, Dana Sawyer, Poun Thies, Jeffrey Tjaden, Andrew Trigo and Samuel Wease

310th Fighter Squadron

Barry Collins, Bryan Davis, Derrick Davis, Thomas DeLong, Rodney Fitch, Shannon Galloway, Susan Gamble, Carlton Greene, David James, Jeremy Johnson, Adam Kelley, Chad Lovitt, Michael Mahome, Timothy Mauldin, Noel Moux, Phillip Rooney, Anthony Spack and Robert Tenny

425th Fighter Squadron

Donald Salamone

607th Air Control Squadron

Shannon Benson, Jamal Franklin, David Haight, Cameron Hill, Harry Nolan, Wesley Smith, Jeffery Stafford and Mark Tooker

ACC Training Support Squadron, Det. 1

Alycia Kramer and Jason Pierce

Flights

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flights were being flown as familiarization flights, on a noninterference basis, with relatively few incentive flights being flown.

“We wanted to reduce the number of familiarization flights to allow instructors the ability to concentrate on their students’ training without any distractions.” Buchanan said.

Keeping in mind that the wing’s primary mission is to train F-16 pilots and crew chiefs, Luke senior leadership needed to find a way to stay focused on the mission, but also focus on reward-

ing their people with incentive flights.

“The problem we found was that while some deserving folks were being flown, others were having to wait an extraordinary amount of time to receive their flight” Buchanan said. “We have redesigned the program to help the wing fly individuals in a timely manner.”

One note of distinction is the F-16 Dedicated Crew Chief program. This effort is separate from the squadron’s incentive ride allocation, Buchanan said. Once a crew chief earns the dedicated crew chief title, he or she becomes entitled to a flight.

To earn the title, crew chiefs must possess a five-skill level, have a minimum six months experience on the F-16 and complete the advanced dedicated

crew chief course. They must also be staff sergeants or above. This criterion may be waived, however, for senior airman.

The flights for dedicated crew chiefs fall under the category of an incentive flight, but doesn’t take away from the total number allocated to each squadron, Buchanan said.

“Overall, our goal is to accomplish the training mission while dedicating sorties to handle the number of outstanding Luke employees,” Buchanan said. “We have looked at each unit’s authorized number of personnel and, based on a realistic sortie goal, have allocated each group and squadron a specific number of incentive flights in a given year.”

Once a commander submits an in-

dividual for a flight, the 56th OSS assigns the individual to a flying squadron to accomplish the flight.

Prerequisites for the flight are detailed life support training and a medical clearance from the flight surgeon. A sortie is then dedicated to that individual and, following a detailed mission briefing, can either be flown to Luke-specific airspace or given an aerial tour of the Grand Canyon.

“We hope the flight gives the individual an appreciation for life in the flying squadron as well as experiencing the F-16,” Buchanan said. “The orientation ride program is very important to the wing and we, as pilots, want to demonstrate the beauty and joy of flying.”

Mini Boot Camp

Luke NCOs prepare AF recruits for BMT

By Staff Sgt. B. Coors-Davidson

362nd Recruiting Squadron

“Pick ‘em up! Put ‘em down! Pick ‘em up! Put ‘em down! Together! Pick ‘em up! Together! Get it right!”

Air Force enlisted members all remember the fears and uncertainties when they arrived that first night at Basic Military Training, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Many new airmen go to sleep that night not knowing what to expect the next morning while others are unsure if joining the Air Force was such a wise decision after all.

A program sponsored by recruiters of the 362nd Recruiting Squadron H-flight in Phoenix and the staff of the 56th Fighter Wing First Term Airman Center may take some of the fright out of recruit’s first night. The program is called Mini Boot Camp and is designed to prepare Air Force recruits for the challenge of BMT.

About 30 Delayed Enlistment Program participants and Air Force applicants from the local area were greeted Saturday at Luke by a cadre of NCOs in the same manner they will be welcomed at Lackland.

The group was herded off the bus and put into flight formation before being briefed on the morning’s events by Tech. Sgt. Ronald King, FTAC assistant NCO in charge.

Giving recruits their first experience with the sound of a training instructor’s taps, King passed like a shark, slowly down the line, preparing them to remain focused and think about what it takes to become a part of the world’s greatest air and space force.

“We have a responsibility to prepare you for basic training and your Air Force career,” King said in a commanding voice that left some recruits pale with fear. “This is just a small glimpse at what you’ll experience when you begin your training. Keep your ears open, your mouths shut and pay attention.”

The two-hour boot camp stressed many of the recruits to their limits. Some had to leave formation briefly to regain their composure. One recruit suddenly found herself the object of three instructors’ simultaneous attention after copping an attitude and responding to a command with a sarcastic, “what-ever.”

“She learned the hard way that training is a serious matter,” King said, “but she quickly got rid of the attitude and did quite well for the rest of the training.”

During the training, recruits learned their reporting statement, the Air Force core values, basic drill and formation, and the proper method and purpose of the salute.

“The feedback we receive from the airmen tells us that this experience helps prepare them for training better than any other program,” said Tech. Sgt. Robert Kitto, 362nd RCS H-Flight nonprior service recruiter. “Our goal is to give them the confidence to succeed. These kids need to know what to expect during their training, and we try to make it as real as possible. This is where the Air Force begins.”

As airmen attempted to execute facing movements as a team, instructors swarmed around the flight offering words of encouragement to those who couldn’t quite keep up, leaving many of the trainees with that “deer in the headlights” look in their eyes.

“Training like this is a benefit to the airmen and to the Air Force. These kids develop more confidence and are more successful,” said Master Sgt. Steve Shmatko, 362nd RCS H-Flight chief. “We once received a letter from a young lady in BMT who had attended a mini boot camp and she said, ‘I was so prepared for basic, the instructors and the other trainees didn’t believe I hadn’t been here before.’”

Although prospective airmen were not required to carry Air Force Forms 341, Report of Discrepancy and Excellence, discipline was issued in the form of pushups.

The instructors and support staff for the quarterly event are volunteers from organizations including the 56th FW, 56th Medical Group, 56th Operations Group and 310th Fighter Squadron.

Only those who have heard the “tap-tap-tap” of a TI’s shoes, taken their turn as dorm guard and can fold their underwear into a perfect 6-inch square can truly understand the experiences awaiting each these young recruits.



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Michael Burns

Staff Sgt. Arthur Peterson, 56th Component Repair Squadron, gives a Delayed Enlisted Program airman a few pointers Saturday at the mini boot camp.



Luke NCOs anxiously await the arrival of recruits participating in the mini boot camp.



Tech. Sgt. Ronald King, 56th Fighter Wing First Term Airman Center assistant NCO in charge, briefs future Air Force members on what it's like to serve and what will be expected of them.

Information, Tickets and Tours

Information, Tickets and Tours is in the community center. Dillards Box Office and Ticketmaster are open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and closed Sunday. Tickets for a variety of community events are available. For locations, times and events, call 856-6000.

Tours

Nogales, Mexico: Saturday and Aug. 19, 6 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., \$15 per person.

Laughlin: Riverside Casino, Sunday and Aug. 6, 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., \$5 per person.

Algodones, Mexico: Aug. 5, 6 a.m. to 7 p.m., \$15 per person.

Luke Movies

Movies begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Cost for children 11 and under is \$1; adults pay \$2.



Today, Sunday

Gone in 60 Seconds (R)
Stars Nicholas Cage, Angelina Jolie, Giovanni Ribisi and Robert Duvall.

“Gone in 60 Seconds” is about automobile aficionado Randall “Memphis” Raines, a car thief of legendary proportion.

For years, Memphis eluded the law while boosting every make and model imaginable. When the heat became too

intense, he abandoned his life of crime and left everything and everyone he loved to find a different life.

Now, when his younger brother tries to follow in his footsteps, only to become dangerously embroiled in a high stakes caper, Memphis is sucked back into his old ways in order to save his brother's life.



Saturday, 2 and 7 p.m.

Sunday, 2 p.m.

Dinosaur (PG)
Stars D. B. Sweeney, Alfre Woodard, Julianna Margulies, Ossie Davis and Joan Plowright.

“Dinosaur” follows the journey of a three-ton Iguanodon named Aladar, who is raised by a clan of lemurs. He is reunited with his own kind follow-

ing a devastating meteor shower.

Faced with treacherous rockslides and attacking Carnotaurs, Aladar and his new friends must overcome tremendous obstacles before they can settle into a new life in a beautiful valley.



July 28

July 29, 6 p.m.

Titan A.E. (PG)
Stars Matt Damon, Bill Pullman, Hank Azaria and Drew Barrymore.

Years after earth is destroyed, Cale, a rebellious teenager, embarks on an adventure to find Titan, the spacecraft which holds the secret to salvation for the human race.

With the deadly Drej aliens close behind and betrayal from within, Cale becomes a renegade warrior to find a whole new world.

Chapel News

Worship schedule

The following is Luke’s Protestant and Catholic worship schedule:

Protestant worship

- ♦ Holy Communion is Sunday at 8 a.m. at the Luke Community Chapel.
- ♦ Gospel service is Sunday at 8:30 a.m. at the Chapel on the Mall.
- ♦ Morning worship service is Sunday at 11 a.m. at the Luke Community Chapel.
- ♦ Evening praise service is Sunday at 6 p.m. at the Luke Community Chapel.

Catholic worship

- ♦ Saturday Mass is at 5 p.m. at the Luke Community Chapel.
- ♦ Sunday Mass is at 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. at the Luke Community Chapel.
- ♦ Weekday Mass is at noon in the Luke Community Chapel.

For more information on these and other chapel programs, call the chapel staff at 856-6211.

Around Base

American Red Cross classes

The American Red Cross offers the following classes:

- ♦ An introduction to disaster class is Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon in Bldg. 1150, Room 1064. The class provides general information about disasters and gives an overview of Red Cross services.
- ♦ A damage assessment class is Saturday from 1 to 4:30 p.m. This course prepares people to serve as damage assessment workers on national disasters and how to get and report damage assessment information. Both disaster classes are free.
- ♦ An American Red Cross new volunteer orientation is July 27 at 10 a.m. in Bldg. 1150, Room 1064. There are many volunteer positions open with days and hours to fit everyone’s schedule.

To register for classes or for more information, call 856-7823.

Webster University opens campus

Webster University opened a new campus at Luke. Graduate-level classes start Aug. 14.

The university offers three graduate degree programs: business administration, computer resources and management information, and human resources management.

Academic advisement and information on

Webster’s graduate degrees is available by calling the director, Dr. Lynette Knight, at 536-6880.

San Diego weekend golfing trip

Outdoor recreation sponsors a weekend golfing trip to San Diego Sept. 1 to 4. Golfers can play at the Torrey Pines in La Jolla, the Naval Air Station Coronado course and the Coronado Country Club.

Cost is \$300 per person. It includes round trip transportation, greens fees, three nights lodging and a sightseeing trolly tour of San Diego. Meals are not included.

Register by Aug. 4. A 50-percent deposit is required. For more information, call 856-9334.

Luke Elementary School news

The Luke Elementary School is accepting registration for all kindergarten through 8th grade students currently in the district. Shot records, birth certificates and proof-of-residence is required.

Students are required to wear uniforms. Navy blue slacks and skirts, and heather gray polo shirts without a logo. For more information, call 876-7300.

Embry-Riddle begins summer term

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University begins its summer term Aug. 7. Registration ends Aug. 11. All classes start at 5 p.m. The term ends Oct. 5. For registration information, call 935-4000 or e-mail luke_center@cts.db.erau.edu.

Airframe, powerplant courses

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University offers an airframe and powerplant preparation class beginning Aug. 7. Those interested in attending should call 935-4000 or e-mail luke_center@cts.db.erau.edu.

Commissary shopping tour

Learn how to interpret food labels and make healthier food selections at a commissary shopping tour July 31, Aug. 28 and Sept. 25 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. To register, call the health and wellness at 856-3778.

Kids in the Kitchen

Children 6 to 12 years old make an “egg-ceptional” breakfast bake as part of the “Kids in the Kitchen” class July 26 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the youth center. Cost is \$3 per person. Register by Monday. For more information, call 856-6225 or 856-7470.

Weight management class

Learn how to get off the “diet roller coaster” through the Weight Management Program. Sponsored by the health and wellness center, meetings are 9 to 11 a.m. each Friday for eight weeks beginning July 28. To register, call 856-3778.

Red Cross seeks instructors

The American Red Cross seeks volunteers interested in becoming instructors. Instructors are needed to teach cardiopulmonary resuscitation, first aid, babysitting, child care and CPR for the professional rescuer. Classes are once a month and, as an instructor, volunteers are required to teach a class once every two years to renew their certification. For more information, call the American Red Cross at 856-7823.

Swimming pool hours, passes

The Silver Wings Swimming Pool open swim hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fri-

days; 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays; and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

The Oasis Pool lap swimming hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Pool passes may be purchased at outdoor recreation. A family season pass is \$35 for up to four family members and \$45 for five or more family members. A single-season pass is \$20. A one-day pass costs \$1. For more information, call 856-6368 or 856-7120.

Free child care

Active-duty military members, staff sergeants and below, with permanent-change-of-station orders into or out of Luke, can receive up to 20 hours of free child care from family child care providers.

Stop by the family support center, Bldg. 1113, to register. Members must bring a copy of their orders. For more information, call 856-6841.

Wood shop safety briefing

A safety briefing is required before using any of the power equipment in the wood hobby shop. Call the shop manager at 856-6566 to schedule an appointment or for more information.

Auto services available

The auto hobby shop offers flat tire repair, tire rotation, wheel balancing, drum and rotor turning, oil changes, wheel alignments, air conditioning checks and window tinting to Defense Department employees. Call 856-5107 for an appointment.

Teen dance

DJ Sigma spins tunes for teens July 29 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the youth center. Cost is \$2 per person. Teens with military identification may bring one guest. Call 856-6225 or 856-7470 for details.

Peoria Toastmasters meet

The Peoria Chamber of Commerce Toastmasters meet every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the chamber office, 8335 W. Peoria Ave. For more information, call Jill Grob at (623) 875-3822.

Salutes

NCO Academy graduates

More than 20 Luke sergeants graduated July 7 from the NCO Academy, Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M.

Tech. Sgt. David Denny, 607th Air Control Squadron, won the John Levitow and academic achievement awards.

Tech. Sgts. Mary Calhoun, 56th Medical Operations Squadron; Michael Fields, 372nd Training Squadron, Det. 12; and James Rice, 61st Fighter Squadron, were the distinguished graduates.

Tech. Sgt. Luann Rhodes, 63rd Fighter Squadron, received the commandant's award.

The other graduates are:

- ♦ Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Bellitt, 56th Equipment Maintenance Squadron
- ♦ Tech. Sgt. Karl Bradford, 56th Comptroller Squadron
- ♦ Tech. Sgt. Scott Downs, 56th Services Squadron
- ♦ Tech. Sgt. Jerry Dunn, 56th Civil Engineer Squadron
- ♦ Tech. Sgt. Dean Ellison, 56th Component Repair Squadron
- ♦ Tech. Sgt. Stephen Goll, 21st Fighter Squadron
- ♦ Tech. Sgt. Kurt Himmen, 62nd Fighter Squadron
- ♦ Tech. Sgt. Misti Hinson, 56th Operations Group
- ♦ Tech. Sgt. Thomas May, 56th SVS
- ♦ Tech. Sgt. Leslie Miller, 56th OG
- ♦ Tech. Sgt. Elaine Mundell, 56th Fighter Wing
- ♦ Tech. Sgt. Janice Santiago, 56th Medical Support Squadron
- ♦ Tech. Sgt. Richard Velasquez, 56th Equipment Maintenance Squadron
- ♦ Tech. Sgt. John Woznack, 56th CRS
- ♦ Staff Sgt. John Stelz, 56th Component Repair Squadron
- ♦ Staff Sgt. Terry Walkup, 63rd FS



Softball

CRS takes AMMO in base championship

By Tech. Sgt. George F. Jozens
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The softball base championship game ended July 12 in a no-holds barred game with the 56th Component Repair Squadron crushing the 56th Equipment Maintenance Squadron AMMO team, 28-5.

The championship game was played without the usual 10-run rule and had no time limit; it had to go the whole seven innings.

CRS rained hits against the AMMO team scoring 19 of its runs in the fourth and fifth innings. The fourth inning had 10 CRS hits in the outfield grass. It started with lead-off batter Dave Brazinsky, left center fielder, bombing the grass in front of AMMO's left fielder Chris Nelson. Brazinsky also hit a double to right center field during the fourth inning in the course of making it to base five of his six at bats during the night. The hits continued to roll from AMMO's pitcher Ron Newman as CRS batted through their line-up, while only leaving one runner stranded on base. Other notable fourth inning hits included a double by CRS third baseman Craig Morton's stretch of a hard-hit single to right field.

AMMO played flawless defense in the fourth inning, but just couldn't overcome CRS hits to the gaps. AMMO did answer two of the nine CRS runs in the bottom of the fourth with first baseman Fred Cordts and designated hitter and coach Jason Wynn scoring from a sacrifice fly ball by Jason Cassidy, third baseman.

In the top of the fifth, CRS capitalized on a rattled AMMO team. The inning concluded with three errors and two walks that complimented the four hits and three-run homer by



CRS David Brazinsky tags up to second base as AMMO shortstop Scott Seng grabs the ball for a close call. Tech Sgt. Michael Burns

CRS left fielder Dan Yeck. AMMO concluded the fifth inning after bringing three batters up and three down leaving the score 3-28.

AMMO's defense held CRS to two hits and no runs in the last two innings, including a beautifully fielded double play by shortstop Scott Seng who threw to second baseman Rob Rogers and first baseman Cordts completed the play. During the last two innings, AMMO attempted to

make up the 25-run deficit getting six runners on the bases, but only scoring two.

"We are really just happy we made it to the championship game, that's all that counts," Wynn said.

Both teams and their trophies were cheerfully greeted by their fans who filled the bleachers of field one.

"AMMO worked hard to get here," said CRS coach Aaron Davis. "We just played fundamental ball all year, which

stopped mistakes from killing us."

Other notables were CRS left fielder Tony Immekus making it to base three of five at bats; hitting to all fields was right center fielder Dave Marquez as he hit three for five; shortstop Eric Hale, who played tough defensively, hit three of six times up.

The top hitter was CRS catcher Rollo Mills who would have hit five for five, but was robbed of a third-base line drive by Cassidy to end the game.

Safety first ...



Mark Tudor, a Major League Soccer Camp instructor, puts a shin guard on Melissa Jacobsen, 7, during a youth soccer camp at the youth center July 17 through 21. The 35 participants, ages 6 to 12, received a T-shirt, soccer ball and a ticket to an Arizona Thunder game. The children learned various skills like kicking and passing. During the last hour of each day, the children played a scrimmage using the skills they had learned. Airman 1st Class Delvin Barnes

Luke's indoor soccer kicks off

By Senior Airman J. Propst
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Luke's indoor soccer team suffered a 9-3 loss at the hands of a local team Friday at the Phoenix Soccer Center.

Though Luke was aggressive throughout the game, their spirit dropped when their opponents jumped ahead toward the end of the first half.

In the fast-paced world of indoor soccer, the five-point deficit could have been made up quickly. However, with low morale, the team had trouble putting anything together. With 10 minutes left in the game, they began to dominate. They put two goals in the back of the net during the last minutes of the second half, in a valiant effort to come back. However, they couldn't make up the deficit quick enough.

The team, which consists of 12 regular players, began its season in late June. The team practices Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7 p.m. at the base soccer field behind the fitness center. During the practices, which last about two hours, the players work on endurance and drills. They end the practice with a scrimmage.

"Not everybody is a serious player," said Gene Korleski, assistance coach. "We have anywhere from novice players, who have seen the game on television and want to try, ... to the two players who have gotten selected by the Air Force soccer team."

They play Friday nights at the Phoenix Soccer Center at 35th Avenue and Indian School Road in an open league. The games consist of two halves of 20 minutes each, with two referees. Unlike outdoor soccer, the only out-of-bounds area is the ceiling. The team on the field consists of a keeper and five players who sub in and out as play continues.

The team also wants to compete in an indoor co-ed league. To do that, they must have four female players. For more information, call Shelia Algan at 856-7520.

Sports Shorts

Air Force Marathon

The fourth annual U.S. Air Force Marathon is Sept. 6 at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. The entry deadline is Aug. 31. Individual and wheelchair entry costs \$45, four-member relay team entry costs \$160, three- to five-member marathon team entry costs \$225. More than 200 awards are given in 50 categories.

Softball tourney

The Armed Forces State Softball Championship is July 22 and 23 at Luke. The entry cost is \$130 per team. For more information, call 856-6241.

Camping reminder

Outdoor recreation staff reminds outdoor enthusiasts that some forests are closed. For more information, call 856-9334.

Varsity hockey

Anyone interested in trying out for the Luke varsity ice hockey team must attend a mandatory meeting July 28 at 4:30 p.m. at the community center. For more information, call Erik Saracino at 856-3732.

Softball tourney change

The 12th Annual “Weekend Bash” military regional softball tournament has been changed to Aug. 5 and 6 in Tucson, Ariz. The top-four teams also receive prizes. Each player on the championship team receives their choice of a new glove or bat. For more information, call Greg Manning at (520) 228-4190 or DSN 228-4190.

Outdoor recreation

For more information about local hiking, camping, horseback riding and other outdoor activities

and supplies call outdoor recreation at 856-9334.

Phoenix Mercury outing

Teens, ages 13 to 18, can sign up to attend a Phoenix Mecury game Aug. 5 at 11:30 a.m. at the America West Arena. The \$10 per person cost includes round trip transportation and admission to the game. Participants should bring extra money for snacks and souvenirs. The trip is limited to 13 participants. For more information, call 856-7470.

Bowling specials

Colorama, bowling for cash prizes, is Saturdays at 6 p.m. at Luke Lanes. Bowl three games for \$10. Luke Lanes patrons can bowl for \$1.10 a game Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. For more information, call 856-6529.

Preteen ice skating

Children, 6 to 12 years old, can ice skate at the Polar Ice rink located at 83rd Avenue and Bell Road, Peoria July 29 from 12:30 to 5 p.m. with the youth center. The \$15 per person cost includes round trip transportation, admission to the rink, skate rental, a slice of pizza, soda and \$3 in game tokens. There is a minimum of eight participants and a maximum of 13. Register at the youth center by Wednesday. For more information, call 856-7470.

Operation Night Hoops

Luke teens, ages 13 to 18, can play basketball Saturday at 7 p.m at the youth center. There is no charge. Appropriate shoes must be worn in the gym.

Aerobic center hours

The aerobic and Nautilus center, Bldg. 700, is open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free classes are offered for active-duty members. For more information on class times and fees, call 856-3247.

I was here first ...



Tech Sgt. Michael Burns
Capt. Dave Casteneda, 61st Fighter Squadron, and Capt. Pete Fry, 310th Fighter Squadron, battle each other Friday night during first-round action at the Balls of O’Leary crud tournament at the Luke Officers Club. The 309th Fighter Squadron Wild Ducks won the tournament. Every six months, the club puts on a tournament. The game originated in Canada and has since become a fighter pilot favorite.

